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**AMENDMENT**

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To the Honorable Commissioner:

This Amendment is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the official communication mailed on January 31, 2006. Applicant requests entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the final rejection. Please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks herein prior to further examination of the above-identified application.

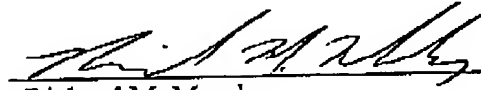
This Amendment includes the following: **Amendments to the Claims** beginning on page 2; **Remarks** beginning on page 6; and a drawing **Replacement Sheet** enclosed herewith.

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